(b) The details are given below :

(i) Ahemdabad : Approximately 100 students of Fine Arts School of Interior Textile Designs and Fashion Designing took great interest in workshop and initiative in practical doing.

(ii) Bhuj : The use of Adai system of weaving for kachari shawls developed by Weavers' Service Centre (WSC), Ahemdabad for increased production was demonstrated. The printers and Bandani manufacturers of Bhuj and Mandavi actively participated and learnt the technique of dyeing and printing.

(iii) Rajkot : It is predominantly a single Ikat silk Patola weaving area. The weavers took keen interest in dyeing of pure silk with acid dyes as well as vegetable dye.

(iv) Mehasana : A crash training programme of five days was given to 10 members weavers of Bhasariya Group Industrial Cooperative Society Ltd. The Adai system of weaving for extra weft bed covers developed by WSC was displayed in the workshop.

(c) The focus of these exhibitions was to give exposure to interested persons in this field and also to disseminate information to concerned persons.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to organise six exhibitions in Gujarat by Weavers' Service Centre, Ahemdabad during the year 1996-97.

[English]

Import of Coco

4434. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coco imported and the foreign exchange incurred thereon during each of the last three years;

(b) whether a number of companies have increased the import of coco in the recent times;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this increase in the import of coco has resulted in its distress sale by the Indian growers; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to minimise or to restrict its import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Quantity and value of import of different types of Coco during the last three years are given below:-

Quantity in Tonnes and Value in Rs.'000

Commodity Code	Description	1993-94		1994-95		April 95 to Feb. 95	
		Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1801	Cocoa Beans, Whole broken, raw or roasted	220	9593	706	33567	1696	87789
1802	Cocoa Shells, Husks, skins and other cocoa waste	100	2027	500	10471	300	7367
1803	Cocoa paste whether or not defatted	-	-	-	-	82	5996
1804	Cocoa Butter fat and oil	140	11281	-	-	445	56821
1805	Cocoa Powder, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	3	124	22	917	92	2429
1806	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa.	4	787	10	4043	27	4113

(b) and (c). Company-wise information on imports is not maintained.

(d) No information/representation on distress sale by domestic sellers has been received.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Bank Branches in Bihar

4435. SHRI GIRDHARI YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the branches of nationalised banks in Bihar, bank-wise and location-wise;

(b) the details of amount deposited in these banks during each of the last three years, bank-wise;

(c) the amount sanctioned/allocated to the farmers during the above period bank-wise;

(d) whether the target fixed for extending loans to the farmers have been achieved by these banks; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

NIFT Centres

4436. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to open any more centres of the National Institute of Fashion Technology during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the amount spent for smooth functioning and maintenance of the NIFT centres already set up during each of the last three years till date, centre-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b). Proposals received from some States are under examination.

(c) Five branches of NIFT were set up at Calcutta, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, Madras and Mumbai in the year 1995. The expenditures incurred for smooth functioning and maintenance of each of these Centres during the financial year 1995-96 are shown below against the names of the centres:

Branch	Rs. in lakh
Calcutta	73.00
Gandhinagar	70.00
Hyderabad	78.00
Madras	80.00
Mumbai	83.50

[English]

Commodity Switch Scam

4437. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Commodity-switch scam cost' 150 million" appearing in the "Economic Times dated August 5, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to do away with such "switch deals" to obviate huge losses to the country in terms of hard currency earnings and sort out the repayment of debt to the erstwhile Soviet Union;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the action taken by the Government to deal with the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The said news item refers to the reported diversion of export consignments to Russia in respect of spices and coffee under the debt repayment scheme. In this regard Coffee Board have informed that complaints were received that part of exports of coffee permitted to Russia under the debt repayment funds were being switched to other countries on high seas instead of landing in Russia. The Coffee Board intimated that they had taken the following remedial steps on immediate basis:-

(i) All the exporters who have shipped coffee to Russia after 1.4.96 were requested to furnish corresponding landing certificates along with customs clearance certificates;

(ii) The exporters were also warned out not to divert coffee from the destinations mentioned in the permits;